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Office Action Summary

Application No.

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Applicant(s)

HANNA ET AL.

Examiner

Frederick C. Nicolas

Art Unit

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 06 April 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-50 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 22-27 and 43 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-18, 20, 21, 28, 44 and 46-50 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 19, 29-42 and 45 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☒ Claim(s) 1-50 are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

Allowable Subject Matter

1. The indicated allowability of claims 1-19 and 29-45 is withdrawn in view of the newly discovered reference(s) to Bertram et al. 5,186,905. Rejections based on the newly cited reference(s) follow.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

2. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

3. Claims 1-16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

The claim is replete with informalities, too numerous to mention specifically and failing to conform with U.S. Patent Office practice. The claim appears to be a literal translation into English from a foreign document. The following noted informalities are merely exemplary thereof. The claims should be revised to conform to U. S. Patent Office practice. Applicant is advised to completely review the claims for errors as the following is not intended to cover all errors.

I- Claim 1 is vague and indefinite because "rod positioning" as recited in line 14, appears to be a double inclusion, with the claimed limitation "rod" as recited in line 4.

II- Claim 2, line 3, the claimed limitation "said interior cap component" lacks antecedent basis in the claim.

III- Claim 2 is vague and indefinite because "solvent" as recited in line 5, appears to be a double inclusion, with the claimed limitation "solvent" as recited in claim 1, line 13.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

4. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

5. Claims 1-2,9-13,17-18,20-21,28,44,46-50 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Bertram et al. 5,186,905.

Bertram et al. disclose a mixing module as seen in Figure 1, which comprises a housing (11), a detachable cap (30), a rod (17), a mixing chamber (14), at least one chemical inlet conduit (16), a compression device (26), means (116) for physically contacting the forward capped end to break up, by mechanical contact and clean up a build up of dispensed material (col. 5, ll. 18-22).

Allowable Subject Matter

6. Claims 22-27,43 are allowed.

7. Claims 3-8,14-16,19,29-42,45 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Response to Arguments

8. Applicant's arguments filed 4/6/2006 have been fully considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.


Conclusion

9. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Frederick C. Nicolas whose telephone number is (571)-272-4931. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kevin P. Shaver, can be reached on 571-272-4720. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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FN
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